

Mary Georgie de Saussure

I was born Mary Georgie de Saussure on October 25, 1933, in Charleston, South Carolina. I was the only child of George Parker de Saussure and Mary Mitchell Foster. My ancestry is French, English and Irish.

I lived and went to public schools in Charleston. I met Martin when I was in high school and he was at The Citadel.

I entered Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, in the fall of 1951. I was a member of the Social Standards Board whose purpose was to set standards of dress and conduct at the Women's Campus. As a senior at Furman, I was president of House Board which supervised all phases of dormitory life at the Women's Campus. (At the time, the men's campus and woman's campus were on opposite ends of downtown Greenville.)

During my college years, Martin and I renewed our friendship, dated and fell in love. His family lived in Greenville and when Martin graduated from The Citadel and entered the Army his family became my family away from home. (My father was born and raised in Greenville and had known Martin's mother, Eloise Martin, when they were children.) I finished my studies for a BA degree in history January 1955 and married Martin on February 5, 1955, in Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston. I returned to Furman in May of that year to graduate with my class.

When Martin finished serving his time in the army, we entered the University of Virginia School of Law. I said "we" because I earned my PhT degree (Putting hubby Through). Our first son, Patrick, was born while we were in Charlottesville.

After law school, we moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, and that is where we have lived ever since. We had three more children – Michael, Georgiana, and Kathleen. I have spent my married life being wife, mother and homemaker. I am grandmother to six adorable grandchildren.